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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/779,810  
Filed: February 18, 2004 Confirmation No.: 6837  
For: **System and Method for Aseptic Filling of  
Packages with Liquid Products**  
Inventors: PLESTER.  
Attorney Docket No.: 01638.0014.NPUS01

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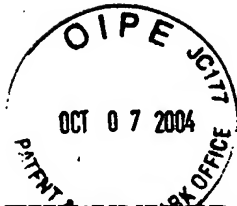
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application prior to the examination thereof.

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**Amendments to the claims** being at page 2 of this paper.

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